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Mr. Dan Burley,
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Dear Dan:

First of all, I had hoped to see you at the game yesterday, but was unable to find you. There were a couple of things I wanted to discuss with you.

We have engaged Counsellor Robert Hartgrove of Jersey City to go into this Mexican situation and see if something cannot be done about it. He has already contacted the Mexican Consul in New York and I believe his next move is with the State Department in Washington. If you want further information about it please get in touch with him directly his name as follows: Counsellor Robert Hartgrove, 576 Newark Ave., Jersey City, N. J. I am sure you know Irvin left here early in May and this past Thursday Dendridge left. I felt Negro baseball should at least make an effort to find out what it is all about.

Next, you had a story in the Amsterdam this week listing Negro players whom you felt were eligible for the majors. Your criticism of Leon Day of the Eagles was his age. For your information Day is 24 years old. I do not think there are many major league players much younger than that. Day came to us our first year in base ball from Baltimore, Md., he was then 17. Aside from being young, he is one of the finest ball players living today. The Eagles and the Elites played a League game in Baltimore this past Friday and Day struck out 18 batters, which I understand is a League record. The first men up in the first inning (Butts of the Elites) got a hit, two errors enabled him to score, that was the only hit he allowed in the game. Almost all Summer he has been called on to pitch one of the games of a doubleheader, and play outfield or infield in the other one, due to the fact that our team is so short of men, caused by these jumping to Mexico. He has never issued one word of complaint. You must admit it would take a young man to perform feats of these kind. In addition to being an unusual ball player, he is also a very fine gentleman.